

## THE SQUARE LOCATION THEORY.

The United States Land Commission now wrestling with a new mining law propose to submit the following propositions to Congress. First, a defined period of time in which to perfect title by the obtaining of a patent, or to abandon location by a failure to do so. Second, to permit the taking of a certain area of mineral land within which the occupier can only work, thus allowing no right whatever to go beyond the vertical lines, and third, to provide some system of mineral land supervision or inspection, such as demands serious attention from legislators and others interested in mines and mining. Practical mining men on this coast denounce the above propositions as absurd. The square location doctrine emanates from the carbonate blanket regions about Leadville, and it is now proposed to enact mining laws for Nevada and California to conform with the geographical peculiarities of Colorado. A square location would do for a body of ore which lies prostrate like a pancake, but where the croppings are included in the location, the miners must follow the ledge down an inclination and strike the main body of ore several hundred feet to the east. The New York Mail, however, in discussing the subject gives the other side as follows:

Under the first proposition the prospector or locator will be bound to complete title or abandon the claim. The limit of time is not yet named, but it certainly should not exceed two years. The United States abandoned in 1897 in a spirit of generous encouragement to labor and enterprise, its undoubted sovereignty in the people's mineral lands, by the adoption of the present possessory right system. It is but fair that the holder should also have some obligation imposed as to work and title. The second proposition, will, if adopted, work a most important change. In our judgment it will be found one in accord with the spirit of our land system. Its effects will be to benefit the working and producing miner, the toiling prospector and the honest investor who does not seek to grasp the entire control of any and all rich regions. It will at once abolish that incentive to fraud which has so extensively practiced under the necessity of proving that "rock in place" has been found and in the case of contests, as to which first found it. To deal with the mineral land direct, to require the proving up of title or the abandonment of location, and to prohibit the working by any one of vein, lode, ledge, fissure, chert, chimney or deposit, vertical or contact, or in whatever other form the ore bodies may appear, outside of the territory he is allowed by law to occupy and possess, is in our judgment to take a long step forward in the direction of simplicity, directness, equity and judicial clearness.

## GRANT'S GALVESTON SPEECH.

The Democratic editors now howling "Cesarism" and denouncing the horrors of a "strong government" will do well to peruse the speech recently made by General Grant at Galveston. A dispatch of yesterday says:

He complimented the State on its vast domain, wished for the people of Texas and the entire South that they might go on developing their resources, and in their prosperity forget that there is a boundary between the North and South. [Prolonged cheering.] "I am sure," said the ex-President, "that we will all be happier and more prosperous when the day comes that there will be no sectional feeling. Let any American who can travel abroad as I have done and with the opportunity of witnessing what is there to be seen, that I have had, and he will return to America a better American and a better citizen than he was when he went away. [Loud cheers.] He will return more in love with his own country. Far be it from me to find fault with any European government. I was well received at their hands on every side, by every nation in Europe; but with their dense population and worn out soil it takes a great deal of government to enable the people to get from the soil a bare subsistence. Here we have a rich virgin soil with room enough for all of us to expand and live with the use of very little government. I hope that we may be able to get along happily and contentedly without being too much governed."

How to INVEIGLE CAPITAL.—THE APPEAL has incubated a grand scheme for not only retaining the capital fleeing from this coast, but for inviting an influx of capital from other sections of the country. Its simplicity commends itself to the most superficial observer. Let the Legislatures of California and Nevada pass a law exempting from taxation all capital of whatever description, and the thing is done. Capital is a great advantage to a new country, and it should be the aim of the people to make the stay of every capitalist as comfortable as possible. If a law was passed making it a felony for a tradesman to collect a bill from a capitalist, it would be better still. The Stockton Mail has just discovered that one of the banks of that city has not paid any taxes for ten years. Possibly the tax collector was afraid to make any demand for money under the impression that the owners of the bank would sell the building to some saloon keeper and leave the State next day with the bank's capital. The capital of this coast reminds one of the boy who requested a teacher not to spank him on the grounds that he had been tenderly reared.

If the anti-Chinese case of the People vs Parrott could be carried to the United States Supreme Court, Associate Justice Field would be disqualified from participating in the deliberations of that tribunal, he having already expressed an opinion that State legislation in the matter is unconstitutional.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

The Eureka Republicans will hold their primaries April 24th.

Last week Tuesday, near Lodi, Mrs. Barton was gored by a cow and severely injured.

Nevada City temperance people are about to open a coffee saloon after the English manner.

The 100 days during which a member of the California Legislature can draw pay will expire April 13th.

Governor Charles M. Crosswell of Michigan and Miss Lizzie L. Musgrove, of Charlotte, Mich., were married yesterday.

It is said that Mr. Parnell, the Irish agitator, has a brother living at West Point, Ga., who is a famous fruit grower, and owns an orchard of 50,000 peach trees.

Amelia Bloomer, the inventor of the Bloomer costume, is the wife of D. C. Bloomer, ex-State Senator of Iowa and ex-Mayor of Council Bluffs, where they reside.

Senator Edmunds is fifty-one years old, and from the fees of his law office he has saved some \$300,000. He reads a great many books and has a large art collection.

The Republican primary elections are to be held in Humboldt county, on April 10th. The delegates to the State Convention are to be elected by the Republican electors at large.

Rev. Thomas K. Beecher is responsible for the following: "If your wife objects to kissing you because you smoke, simply remark that you know a girl who will. That will settle it."

An Elmira, New York, telegram says that Sydney Green killed his wife at Lawrenceville, Penn., and being pursued, shot himself dead. His wife had recently returned from the West.

Mill Creek, a new mining district about thirteen miles southwest of Bodie, is attracting the attention of mining men, and is likely to have a rush in the Spring. The population has already reached 400.

By the will of the late General W. B. Tibbits, of Troy, New York, \$100,000 is bequeathed with which to build a Soldiers' Home in that city, conditional upon \$50,000 additional being secured within five years.

Roger A. Pryor has petitioned for a removal of his political disabilities. Mr. Pryor went to New York immediately after the war. He has amassed a handsome competence in the practice of the law, and now desires to re-enter National politics.

W. A. Starnes, Chief of Police of Atlanta, Georgia, passed Omaha yesterday for San Francisco, to bring back S. R. Hoyte, Tax Collector, who was recently arrested in San Francisco for the embezzlement of \$219,000 at Atlanta.

Sinking has been resumed on the new ore body at the Hillside mine, at Pioche, seventh level. This seems to be a very important discovery, and gives promise of making the Hillside one of the most valuable mining properties on the coast.

Eugene Fairfax Williamson, the man who has been annoying Rev. Dr. Dix of New York with letters, inserting advertisements in his name, etc., has been arrested at Baltimore. He confesses and can give no reason for his conduct. He is a bachelor, 49 years old.

A servant girl in Philadelphia fell while carrying a tray of dishes down a short flight of stairs, the other day, and one of the sharp pieces of the broken china cut a gash on her forehead above the left eye, and another penetrated her throat, severing the jugular vein. She died in a few minutes.

The wildcats and coyotes are very numerous on the sheep ranches near Desert Springs, and have killed a number of sheep. A sheep that had been killed by these animals was poisoned with strychnine, and on the next morning, within a circumference of 300 yards, ten dead cats and fifteen coyotes were found.

Englishman to Boston small boy: "I hear you know a great many languages; tell me how many you know?" "Oh, I know French and German and Italian and Spanish, and that is all." "But you know English?" "No, I don't know English," he answered, with a very positive shake of the head. "Yes, you do, certainly," persisted the Englishman. "I tell you I do not," replied the child, almost impatiently and very emphatically. "My papa knows Englishman, I s pose, but I only know two words in English." "And what are they?" "Onse and 'orse."

THERE is some talk of the Democrats running Horatio Seymour as a Presidential candidate, but some of the wise old Bourbons think that his delay in allowing the authorities to clean out the draft rioters will be raised against him in the campaign. Nobody can blame Seymour for keeping the U. S. troops out of New York at that time. Had they arrived two days earlier there would never have been another Democratic majority in that section.

THE temperance people are making excellent headway in Ohio. They recently blew up a saloon with gunpowder. When the owner came down from the clouds, whither he had been hoisted by the explosion, he endeavored to speak in the Russian tongue, under the impression that he was in the vicinity of St. Petersburg.

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